

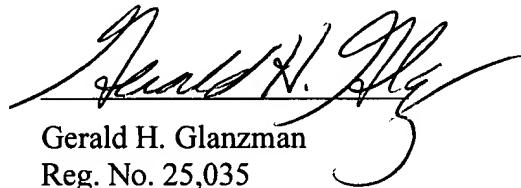
**Remarks/Arguments**

During review of the present application preparatory to payment of the Issue Fee, several minor errors were noted in the claims. This Amendment is filed pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312 in order to correct the noted errors. The errors are all typographical or grammatical errors, and do not affect the scope of the claims. Entry of this Amendment as placing the application in better condition for allowance is, accordingly, believed to be proper and is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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